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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CGEN (BLAKE, HAROLD JEFFREY)
SUBJECT: ARREST OF AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN

REF : CANBERRA 6188 NOTAL

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, HAROLD JEFFREY BLAKE, AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN, WAS ARRESTED AT TAIPEI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WITH ABOUT TWO KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA IN HIS POSSESSION. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED UNOFFICIALLY THAT HE WAS INDICTED BY TAIPEI DISTRICT COURT PROSECUTOR ON AUGUST 26, 1977, AND FORMALLY CHARGED UNDER A LAW WHICH FORBIDS TRADE, TRANSPORTATION OR MANUFACTURE OF NARCOTICS. HIS TRIAL IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE ABOUT THREE WEEKS FROM DATE OF FORMAL INDICTMENT. MAXIMUM SENTENCE: DEATH, MINIMUM SENTENCE: LIFE. MAXIMUM SENTENCE IS RARELY IMPOSED ON FOREIGNERS. IF GIVEN THE MINIMUM POSSIBLE SENTENCE OF LIFE HE MAY RPT MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE AFTER ABOUT TEN YEARS.

2. VICE CONSUL CURTAIN HAS NOT RPT NOT WRITTEN TO MRS. BLAKE. AS A COURTESY, THE EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED LIST OF ATTORNEYS TO MR. BLAKE. A SIMILAR LIST PLUS SMALL PAMPHLET ABOUT PRISON LIFE FOR AMERICANS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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TAIWAN WAS SENT TO MRS. BLAKE IN RESPONSE TO HER AUGUST 31 TELEPHONE CALL TO THE EMBASSY. THAT LETTER WAS SENT BY POUCH WITHOUT COMMENT TO HER BY DS-4 THROUGH THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, SYDNEY, IN ADDITION, MR. CURTAIN HAS FORWARDED ONE OR TWO LETTERS FROM HIS WIFE TO BLAKE AT THE TAIPEI DETENTION CENTER. SHE APPARENTLY WAS NOT SURE WHERE TO WRITE TO HIM SO SHE SENT THEM TO

THE EMBASSY, C/O CURTAIN. BY THIS TIME, MR. BLAKE SHOULD
HAVE INFORMED HIS WIFE THAT SHE SHOULD USE THIS ADDRESS:
C/O TAIPEI DISTRICT COURT, LI TI VILLAGE, TUCHENG, TAIPEI
HSIEN, TAIWAN, REP. OF CHINA 236.

3. CONOFFS HAS SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDED APPROACHING ROC
GOVERNMENT OR OTHERWISE INDICATING ANY INTEREST IN CASE
AS EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT REPRESENT AUSTRALIAN INTERESTS
IN TAIWAN.
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